

# **Disability Access Section**

## **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

In a recent survey by the Disability Access Section of state government departments, a majority of respondents were unable to answer simple questions about their disability access policies and did not know how to establish and implement required disability policies and procedures. Surprisingly, some of the consultation and training services that can prevent accessibility issues are available at little or no cost!

Long before the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 California Government Code §4455 assigned the Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) the responsibility for educating the public and private sectors concerning access to programs and buildings for persons with disabilities.

The DOR established the Disability Access Section (DAS) to guide public organizations regarding their responsibilities and the requirements of accessibility for people with disabilities. DAS has extensive experience in the fields of reasonable accommodation, program and physical accessibility in government and public accommodations.

## **FACTS**

- Since 1992, DAS has worked with over 100 federal, state, and local government entities.
- DAS helps government reduce barriers resulting in equal opportunities and access for persons with disabilities.
- We offer:
  - Disability awareness training
  - Technical assistance regarding reasonable accommodation
  - Surveying for physical access and program access
  - Training and technical assistance in all areas of physical and programmatic access
  - Staff training on disability employment issues

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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